

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 108
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Katy Richards on
being named Lincoln Middle School Teacher of
the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the
highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Katy Richards of Lincoln Middle School is one such estimable educator who
has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Katy Richards has recently been selected Teacher of the Year for her
school, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive
influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding educator places great emphasis on education in her
personal life; having earned a Bachelor of Science from Winthrop University, she is currently
pursuing a Masters Degree in Instructional Media and Technology from East Tennessee State
University; and

WHEREAS, she has served with acumen and alacrity as an educator for seven years,
and currently teaches eighth grade math and inclusion math at Lincoln Middle School; and

WHEREAS, before joining the Lincoln Middle School faculty, Katy Richards was
employed in Greenwood, South Carolina where she taught third grade, served as a homebound
instructor, and as a TCAP review instructor for English Language Learner students; and

WHEREAS, Katy Richards is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who
works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential; her students and their
families consider themselves tremendously blessed by their association with her; and

WHEREAS, a true leader in her profession, she has conducted Total Quality
Management, Hands-On Equations, and other math-oriented sessions for the school faculty, in

addition to chairing the Mission and Beliefs Committee and acting as a member of the School Improvement Committee; and

WHEREAS, she has conscientiously supervised several practicum teachers from Carson-Newman College, mentored first year teachers, and is also a recipient of the 2004 Cherokee Health Systems Academic Power Award; and

WHEREAS, a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church Katy Richards also makes time to support the Humane Society and Noah's Ark Animal Rescue; and

WHEREAS, as one whose friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate enough to know her, she truly serves as an inspiration to her family, friends, peers, and students alike; and

WHEREAS, Katy Richards epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Katy Richardson being chosen as Teacher of the Year for Lincoln Middle School, commend her exceptional service to the youth of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.